export of (lurries and textile cratts during the last three years; and

(d) what steps-rneasures are being taken to popularise durries in the domestic market?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) to (d) The information is being callected and will be laid on the Table of the House in due course.

Requirement of Power in Bihar

2049. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the power requirement during the peak and slack seasons in Bihar;

(b) how much of this requirmcnt is met from the existing resources;

(c) whether it is a fact that both agricultural as well as industries suffer for want of adequate and timely supply of power;

(d) if so, whether any estimates of losses in these sactors have been prepared in this regard;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) and (b) The estimated power requirement of Bihar during the year 1995-96 in peak and slack season is about 1750 MW and 1550 MW respectively. During the period April '95—July '95, the power demand met in the state is 946 MW.

(c) Distribution of power to various categories of consumers is primarily the responsibility of respective State Government. Power supply to various consumers is decided by the state authorities, keeping in view the priority of consumers as well as demand are availability of power. At present, there is no statutory power cuts on industries in the state and the shortages are met by resorting to load sheddingYestrictions depending on day to day availability. Agricultural consumers are being supplied 17 hours per day on an average.

(d) to (f) No separate estimates of energy losses occurring in the agricultural and industrial sectors is being made as per the present practice followed in the power utilities in the country. The total energy losses are being computed by deducting the energy sales from tli. energy available for supply fr the power utilities in their areas of supply.

Demand for Power in Kachh-Saurashtra Regioin

2050. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the demand for power in Kachh-Saurashtra region has outstripped its availability;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to meet the growing demand of power in that region;

(c) whether some power plants are proposed to be set up in that region in collaboration with private entrepreneurs;

(d) if so, the details of the proposals which are under consideration of Government; and

(e) the steps taken to implement these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL): (a) The supply of power to different regions in Gujarat including Kachh and Saurashtra region is within the prerogative of State GovernmenvState Electricity Board. During the period April-July, 1995 the energy requirement in Gujarat was 11950 MU against which the availability was 1137? MU which represents a shortage of 4.8%.

(b) In order to bridge the gap between demand and availability of power in